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Utahns Given Opportunity to Comment on Nevada Power Plant

Salt Lake City, Utah – Utahns will have their chance to comment on a proposed coal-fired power plant just across the border in Nevada.

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has announced it will host a public meeting in St. George on Feb. 27 to gather comments on the Toquop Energy Project, a \$1.3 billion, 750 megawatt power plant proposed near Mesquite. The comments will be forwarded to Nevada's Division of Environmental Protection, which is reviewing the application for an operating permit.

The meeting will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Dixie State College's Dunford Auditorium, located in the Browning Building at 225 South 700 East.

"Although the state does not have jurisdiction over the plant, we want to give Utahns an opportunity to comment on a neighboring project that could impact us," said Cheryl Heying, director of the Division of Air Quality.

Rick Sprott, executive director of DEQ, will make introductory remarks. The meeting will be recorded and all comments submitted to the state of Nevada, which has extended its public comment period until March 7.

Comments also may be directed by mail to Rod A. Moore, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Pollution Control, 901 South Steward St., Suite 4001, Carson City, Nev., 89701 or by fax (775) 687-6396.

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